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SUBJ: PROPOSED NIH KOBATA RESEARCH CONTRACT

REF: STATE 285352

1. SCIENCE OFFICER DELIVERED REVISED KOBATA CONTRACTS TO TANAKA (MOFA), WHO WAS MOFA CONTACT ON LAST ROUND OF TALKS THIS SUBJECT, AND DISCUSSED OUTLOOK FOR GOJ APPROVAL OF NIH RESEARCH GRANT. TANAKA CAUTIONED THAT MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (MOE) STILL CHARY OF ACCEPTING U.S.G. RESEARCH GRANTS FOR RESEARCHERS IN NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES BECAUSE OF PAST POLITICAL FLAK TAKEN FROM OPPOSITION DIET MEMBERS.

2. EMBASSY ALSO CONTACTED DR. NAKAI, WHO WE UNDERSTAND SPOKE WITH HEW/NIH OFFICIALS ABOUT RESTORING NIH RESEARCH GRANTS PROCESS WHILE IN WASHINGTON RECENTLY, TO OBTAIN HIS IMPRESSIONS OF PROBABLE MOE ATTITUDE AND MOST APPROPRIATE AVENUE OF APPROACH TO SOLUTION OF PROBLEM. AT NAKAI'S SUGGESTION, IT HAS BEEN AGREED TO HOLD EARLY JANUARY MEETING OF EMBASSY, MOFA AND DR. NAKAI, PRIOR TO MAKING APPROACH TO MOE, IN ORDER TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND FORMULATE STRATEGY.

3. TANAKA NOT FAMILIAR WITH CURRENT MOE THINKING ON NIH GRANTS AND UNABLE TO SAY WHETHER ANY PROBLEMS IN ADDITION TO ARTICLE 10 (QTE EXAMINATION OF RECORDS UNQTE) EXIST OR NOT. HOWEVER, EMBASSY, TANAKA AND DR. NAKAI IN AGREEMENT THAT CONSIDERABLE EFFORT MAY BE

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REQUIRED TO OVERCOME ADVERSE POLITICAL TONES WHICH ACCOMPANY

SUBJECT OF U.S.G. GRANTS TO NATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS IN JAPAN.

4. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE ON OUTCOME OF EMBASSY/MOFA/  
NAKAI DISCUSSIONS.  
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